(c) whether there is any proposal to further identify Government offices for shifting out of Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the requisite infrastructure has been developed before shifting; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) As on date, 11 Central Govt. Offices have been identified by the Govt. for shifting outside Delhi as a measure to decongest the city. Besides, 4 offices have already been shifted outside Delhi in the recent past. Since actual shifting depends upon a number of determining factors like availability of land, construction of alternate buildings, no definite time-frame can be given in which these offices can be made to shift outside Delhi.

(c) and (d) At present, no more Central Govt. Offices have been identified for shifting outside Delhi. However, as and when a new office is set up or is sought to be brought in Delhi from outside, the location of the office is considered by the Cabinet committee on Accommodation and the Committee may direct location of the office outside Delhi in the National Capital Region.

(e) and (f) With a view to encourage shifting of offices outside Delhi to achieve decongestion of the city., National Capital Region Plan has been formulated with the specific objective to achieve decongestion by way of deflection of population from Delhi to the setillite towns on its periphery.

North Eastern Specific Urban Housing Schemes

1385. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has announced/prepared any North-eastern specific urban housing schemes during the preceding two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the resons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present there is no Plan Assisted Central Sector Scheme for urban housing. However the Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has been financing urban housing schemes for North-Eastern States. From the year 1997-98 onwards, as per the new initiatives taken by the Govt. HUDCO has doubled its housing loan allocation to North Eastern States from the earlier 5% to 10% of its annual housing allocation. A States-wise summary of the housing operations of HUDCO in the North-Eastern states from 1996-97 to 1998-99 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

In addition, under the 2 Million Housing Programme, HUDCO has sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 78.04 crore for housing. In addition, projects work Rs. 31.68 crore are under sanction. State-wise details are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

(Rupees in crores)

Name of State	No. of Schemes			Project Cost			Loan Amount			No. of Dwelling Units		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*
Assam	6	6	6	41.47	28.49	82.73	21.04	16.51	60.19	515	1424	6194
Manipur	2	4	1	77.38	38.38	4.01	39.65	22.21	2.55	1589	2361	119
Meghalaya	3	—	2	13.65	—	5.22	5.75	—	2.73	854	—	70
Mizoram	2	2	2	12.19	9.81	2.95	5.38	6.38	2.00	1810	1930	495
Nagaland	2	2	1	8.86	18.13	13.17	5.89	13.13	10.55	1235	2519	1740
Tripura	1	2	1	0.12	2.99	0.05	0.09	1.50	0.02	300	238	11
Total	16	16	13	153.67	97.80	108.13	77.80	59.73	78.04	6.303	8472	8629

*As On 31.01.1999

Statement-II

Progreess State-wise in North-Eastern Region Under 2 Million Housing Programme

(Pupees in crores)

State	Loan Amount Sanctioned	Loan Amount Under Sanction
Assam	60.19	22.82
Manipur	2.55	2.84
Meghalaya	2.73	2.34
Mizoram	2.00	3.00
Nagaland	10.55	—
Sikkim	—	0.39
Tripura	0.02	0.29
Total:	78.04	31.68

Slum Dwellers in Mega Cities

1386. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum dwellers in each of the Mega cities on March 31, 1998 and on 31st December, 1998;

(b) whether Government have taken measures to rehabilitate slum dwellers and to improve the life condition of slum dwellers; and

(c) if so, what are the measures taken and to what extent they are implemented uptil 31st December, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The information regarding slum dwellers in the mega cities on March 31st, 1998 and December 31st, 1998 is not available. However, the slum population of Mega cities as estimated by the Town &